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CURRENT PREVALENCE OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN THE UNITED STATES ¹

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The prevalence of certain important communicable diseases, as indicated by weekly telegraphic reports from State health departments to the United States Public Health Service, is summarized in this report. The underlying statistical data are published weekly in the Public Health Reports, under the section entitled "Prevalence of Disease."

Measles.—The number of cases of measles continued to increase. For the 4-week period ended April 21 there were 132,389 cases reported, which was the highest incidence for this period in the recent years for which data are available. In 1933, 1932, and 1931 the numbers of cases for this period were 72,322, 61,868, and 80,856, respectively. Each geographic area, except the South Atlantic and East South Central, showed about the same rate of increase as was shown for the total reporting area. In the South Atlantic States the number of cases (34,745) was 5.5 times that for the corresponding period last year, and in the East South Central the number (9,032) was almost 10 times last year's figure.

Poliomyelitis.—For the 4 weeks ended April 21 there were 91 cases of poliomyelitis reported—an increase of 25 percent over the preceding 4 weeks. The current incidence was the highest for this period in recent years. Each geographic area, except the Middle Atlantic and East North Central, contributed to the increase. In those areas the current incidence was approximately the same as last year. In all other areas, while the number of cases was not large, the current incidence was more than twice that for the corresponding period last year. The largest number of cases (34) was reported from the Mountain and Pacific area. California reported 25 of these cases.

¹ From the Office of Statistical Investigations, U.S. Public Health Service. The numbers of States included for the various diseases are as follows: Typhoid fever, 48; poliomyelitis, 48; meningococcus meningitis, 48; smallpox, 48; measles, 47; diphtheria, 48; scarlet fever, 48; influenza, 43 States and New York City. The District of Columbia is counted as a State in these reports. These summaries include only the 8 important communicable diseases for which the Public Health Service receives regular weekly reports from the State health officers.

Scarlet fever.—The incidence of scarlet fever compared very favorably with recent years. For the current period the number of cases reported was 24,914, as against 26,299, 24,560, and 22,210 for the corresponding period in the years 1933, 1932, and 1931. The disease was considerably less prevalent than in preceding years in the three areas along the Atlantic Coast; all other areas closely approximated last year's incidence at this time.

Diphtheria.—The number of cases of diphtheria reported for the current period was 2,523, which was the same as reported for this period last year. The numbers of cases were 3,248 and 3,478 for the corresponding period in the years 1932 and 1931, respectively. The West North Central, South Central, and South Atlantic sections reported slight increases over last year's figure, while in the New England and Middle Atlantic, East North Central and far Western areas the disease seemed to be less prevalent.

Smallpox.—The incidence of smallpox, as compared with that for recent years, remained favorable. The number of cases reported for the current period was 656, or about 80 percent of last year's figure for the corresponding period. The New England and Middle Atlantic areas were free from smallpox, and the Mountain and Pacific sections reported a 50 percent decrease from last year's figure. Other areas closely approximated last year's incidence. For this period in 1932, 1931, and 1930 the numbers of cases for the whole reporting area were 1,530, 4,068, and 6,360, respectively.

Meningococcus meningitis.—For the 4 weeks ended April 21 there were 249 cases of meningococcus meningitis reported, about 73 percent of the figure for the corresponding periods in 1933 and also in 1932. This favorable comparison was characteristic of all areas except the South Atlantic. Of the 41 cases reported from that area, which was 1.4 times that for the corresponding period last year, Virginia reported 17 cases and West Virginia 15. For the country as a whole, the current incidence was the lowest for this period in recent years.

Typhoid fever.—During the 4 weeks ended April 21 there were 63 cases of typhoid fever reported from Maine as against 3 for the corresponding period last year, and 35 cases from Pennsylvania as compared with 3 for last year. The 63 cases in Maine occurred in Augusta. Reports from Pennsylvania do not show an unusual outbreak in any special locality. California and Washington, in the Pacific area, also reported significant increases over last year. Other areas reported a very favorable typhoid fever situation. For the entire reporting area the number of cases for the current period totaled 624, as compared with 609, 664, and 513 for the corresponding period in the years 1933, 1932, and 1931.

Influenza.—Influenza continued to decline during the current 4-week period. The total number of cases (7,139) was, however, 1.3 times

that for the corresponding period last year. Exclusive of the years 1931 and 1932, when minor influenza epidemics were in evidence, the current incidence was the highest for this period in the recent years for which data are available. In the New England and Middle Atlantic and East North Central areas the current incidence fell considerably below that of last year, but all other areas reported increases. In the West North Central section the number of cases (389) was 4.3 times last year's figure, and in the Mountain and Pacific area the number (1,198) was 2.4 times that of last year. The South Atlantic and South Central areas approximated last year's incidence.

Mortality, all causes.—The average mortality rate from all causes in large cities, for the 4 weeks ended April 21, as reported by the Bureau of the Census, was 12.4 per 1,000 inhabitants (annual basis). During the 3 preceding years the rates for the corresponding periods were 11.3, 12.5, and 12.9, respectively. The current mortality, therefore, is high in relation to last year, but compares very favorably with that for the years 1932 and 1931. During the preceding 4 weeks of the current year the rate was 12.8.

PSITTACOSIS OUTBREAK IN A DEPARTMENT STORE IN PITTSBURGH

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During the winter of 1929-30 an outbreak of psittacosis occurred among the employees of a department store in Toledo, Ohio (in which 22 known cases developed), following the arrival of a shipment of parrots from a New York importer.

A similar outbreak occurred among the employees of a department store in Pittsburgh, Pa., during the months of February and March 1934, to which the attention of the city health department was attracted by the unusual number of cases of pneumonia reported as occurring among employees of the store.

HISTORIES OF THE BIRDS

Parakeets.—A shipment of 130 parakeets was received from a California aviary during the latter part of January. Four of these birds were dead on arrival, and 8 or 10 died soon thereafter. Other birds of the shipment were ill.

Macaws.—One macaw was received about the time that the parakeets arrived and was soon sold. Another macaw was received from a New York dealer approximately 2 weeks later; and 2 weeks after its arrival this macaw became ill and was killed and sent to the United States Public Health Service for examination. The examina-

tion revealed the findings found in birds infected with psittacosis. That this macaw was well on arrival and did not become ill until after 2 weeks of proximity to the sick parakeets suggests that it became infected from the parakeets.

HUMAN CASES

In a total of 37 cases of illness among the employees a definite diagnosis of psittacosis was made in 10 and of suspected psittacosis in 27. Of the 10 definitely diagnosed as psittacosis, 4 died, autopsies on 3 of whom revealed the findings seen in psittacosis. Of the 27 suspected cases, 8 were diagnosed pneumonia, of whom 7 died, and 19 as suspected psittacosis only, of which number 2 died. Among the total of 37 cases there occurred 13 deaths, a mortality rate of 35.1 percent. This rather high mortality rate suggests either an extremely virulent outbreak or that cases of the disease had been missed. From the procedures carried out by the health department it is believed that but few cases were missed, as each employee absent from work for 48 hours was seen by a medical inspector.

With a history of contact with sick birds of the psittacine family, with 10 other employees having illnesses definitely diagnosed as psittacosis, with a death rate of 33.3 percent, and with a death rate of 87.5 percent of those diagnosed as pneumonia, there is little doubt that the 27 cases of suspected psittacosis were actually cases of psittacosis.

These 37 cases of illness developed among approximately 500 employees of the department store and occurred not only among those employed on the floor on which the birds were kept but among those from other floors. Employees from other floors of the store visited the birds, and these employees came in more or less direct contact with them.

SUMMARY

During the past 4 years 2 rather extensive outbreaks of psittacosis have occurred among employees of department stores in which pet shops were maintained. The first resulted from infected birds which had been imported into the country and the second from birds raised at an aviary in California.

COURT DECISION ON PUBLIC HEALTH

Divorce on ground of extreme cruelty denied wife where evidence showed existence of venereal disease in husband with mere request by him for sexual intercourse.—(Delaware Superior Court; *Bowman v. Bowman*, 171 A. 444; decided Feb. 23, 1934.) A statutory ground of divorce in Delaware was "extreme cruelty, on the part of either

husband or wife, such as to endanger the life or health of the other party or to render cohabitation unsafe." In a divorce action by a wife there was presented to the court the question of whether the existence of a venereal disease in the husband, accompanied by his mere request for sexual intercourse, constituted extreme cruelty. Because there had been no communication of the disease nor any demand for intercourse accompanied with a degree of insistence sufficient to indicate an intention to accomplish the desire against the wife's will, the court took the view that the charge of extreme cruelty had not been made out. Said the court: "A mere request for intercourse by the infected defendant, the denial of which by the petitioner was immediately concurred in by the defendant, does not, in my opinion, constitute extreme cruelty, under the statute, sufficient to authorize a decree of divorce."

DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED APRIL 21, 1934

[From the Weekly Health Index, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce]

	Week ended Apr. 21, 1934	Correspond- ing week, 1933
Data from 86 large cities of the United States:		
Total deaths.....	8,768	7,930
Deaths per 1,000 population, annual basis.....	12.2	11.0
Deaths under 1 year of age.....	625	557
Deaths under 1 year of age per 1,000 estimated live births.....	58	48
Deaths per 1,000 population, annual basis, first 16 weeks of year.....	12.6	12.1
Data from industrial insurance companies:		
Policies in force.....	67,712,710	68,438,649
Number of death claims.....	14,007	13,598
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force, annual rate.....	20.8	19.4
Death claims per 1,000 policies, first 16 weeks of year, annual rate.....	11.1	11.0

¹ Data for 81 cities.

PREVALENCE OF DISEASE

No health department, State or local, can effectively prevent or control disease without knowledge of when, where, and under what conditions cases are occurring

UNITED STATES

CURRENT WEEKLY STATE REPORTS

These reports are preliminary, and the figures are subject to change when later returns are received by the State health officers

Reports for Weeks Ended Apr. 28, 1934, and Apr. 29, 1933

Cases of certain communicable diseases reported by telegraph by State health officers for weeks ended Apr. 28, 1934, and Apr. 29, 1933

Division and State	Diphtheria		Influenza		Measles		Meningococcus meningitis	
	Week ended Apr. 28, 1934	Week ended Apr. 29, 1933	Week ended Apr. 28, 1934	Week ended Apr. 29, 1933	Week ended Apr. 28, 1934	Week ended Apr. 29, 1933	Week ended Apr. 28, 1934	Week ended Apr. 29, 1933
New England States:								
Maine.....	1	1		2	12	4	1	0
New Hampshire.....					194	1	0	0
Vermont.....					60	5	0	0
Massachusetts.....	12	21		3	2,105	578	3	2
Rhode Island.....		2			12	1	0	0
Connecticut.....	3	7		5	71	273	1	0
Middle Atlantic States:								
New York.....	52	54	10	15	965	3,632	2	3
New Jersey.....	12	20	23	7	728	1,869	1	3
Pennsylvania.....	66	44			4,304	1,447	4	0
East North Central States:								
Ohio.....	22	39	80	111	1,357	577	2	2
Indiana.....	17	13	13	32	973	217	0	3
Illinois.....	59	21	17	13	1,900	704	8	19
Michigan.....	12	18	2	3	258	1,107	0	4
Wisconsin.....	3	5	39	38	2,202	429	0	1
West North Central States:								
Minnesota.....	8	3			231	848	1	1
Iowa.....	10	8	8		174	87	6	4
Missouri.....	44	32	103	28	765	228	3	3
North Dakota.....	2				242	26	0	2
South Dakota.....	2	1			332	12	0	0
Nebraska.....	5	8	2		351	55	2	0
Kansas.....	3	7	8		684	341	0	0
South Atlantic States:								
Delaware.....	1				100	6	0	0
Maryland.....	4	3	12	11	2,338	15	0	0
District of Columbia.....	9	3			171	11	0	0
Virginia.....	15	11			1,310	279	0	3
West Virginia.....	16	6	15		77	106	1	1
North Carolina.....	11	25	81	22	2,125	821	1	3
South Carolina.....	7	9	356	269	571	266	0	0
Georgia.....	6	6			373	144	0	2
Florida.....	5	9		2	932	88	0	0

See footnotes at end of table.

*Cases of certain communicable diseases reported by telegraph by State health officers
for weeks ended Apr. 28, 1934, and Apr. 29, 1933—Continued*

Division and State	Diphtheria		Influenza		Measles		Meningococcus meningitis	
	Week ended Apr. 28, 1934	Week ended Apr. 29, 1933	Week ended Apr. 28, 1934	Week ended Apr. 29, 1933	Week ended Apr. 28, 1934	Week ended Apr. 29, 1933	Week ended Apr. 28, 1934	Week ended Apr. 29, 1933
East South Central States:								
Kentucky.....	11	7	31	---	711	105	0	0
Tennessee.....	4	6	28	61	514	63	1	2
Alabama ¹	13	3	43	49	609	135	3	0
Mississippi ¹	12	4	---	---	---	---	0	0
West South Central States:								
Arkansas.....	8	10	5	8	89	475	2	2
Louisiana.....	16	8	9	1	302	41	0	0
Oklahoma ¹	6	10	47	24	420	65	1	1
Texas ¹	56	57	218	223	1,034	1,642	8	2
Mountain States:								
Montana ¹	1	1	75	---	58	17	1	0
Idaho.....	---	---	1	---	32	18	0	0
Wyoming ¹	1	2	---	---	113	17	0	1
Colorado.....	3	1	---	29	449	10	1	0
New Mexico.....	7	4	3	---	159	24	1	0
Arizona.....	---	---	9	---	39	77	2	0
Utah.....	---	---	2	---	216	4	0	0
Pacific States:								
Washington.....	2	2	---	---	167	93	0	0
Oregon ¹	1	5	26	35	86	85	0	0
California.....	44	47	26	36	751	1,315	1	4
Total.....	592	542	1,292	1,127	31,666	18,333	52	68

Division and State	Pollomyelitis		Scarlet fever		Smallpox		Typhoid fever	
	Week ended Apr. 28, 1934	Week ended Apr. 29, 1933	Week ended Apr. 28, 1934	Week ended Apr. 29, 1933	Week ended Apr. 28, 1934	Week ended Apr. 29, 1933	Week ended Apr. 28, 1934	Week ended Apr. 29, 1933
New England States:								
Maine.....	0	0	6	18	0	0	2	0
New Hampshire.....	0	0	7	27	0	0	0	0
Vermont.....	0	0	5	6	0	0	37	0
Massachusetts.....	1	0	217	365	0	0	3	2
Rhode Island.....	0	0	28	24	0	0	0	1
Connecticut.....	0	0	58	134	0	9	0	1
Middle Atlantic States:								
New York.....	1	1	938	762	0	0	11	14
New Jersey.....	1	0	207	223	0	0	3	3
Pennsylvania.....	1	1	746	820	0	0	13	9
East North Central States:								
Ohio.....	0	2	866	1,194	0	5	3	7
Indiana.....	0	1	140	153	0	7	6	1
Illinois.....	1	0	563	411	3	4	4	5
Michigan.....	0	1	555	668	3	1	3	1
Wisconsin.....	0	2	193	125	31	1	0	1
West North Central States:								
Minnesota.....	0	0	52	96	8	0	2	1
Iowa ¹	0	0	64	29	15	16	0	0
Missouri.....	0	0	86	88	2	4	3	3
North Dakota.....	0	1	19	1	0	0	3	0
South Dakota.....	0	0	3	5	5	0	0	1
Nebraska.....	0	0	44	32	15	2	0	0
Kansas.....	0	0	76	47	0	1	0	1
South Atlantic States:								
Delaware.....	0	0	7	15	0	0	0	0
Maryland ¹	0	0	61	94	0	0	1	4
District of Columbia.....	0	0	11	12	0	0	0	0
Virginia.....	0	1	28	52	1	0	6	4
West Virginia.....	0	0	104	25	0	2	6	2
North Carolina.....	0	1	31	63	3	0	2	7
South Carolina.....	0	1	9	1	3	0	6	5
Georgia ¹	0	0	4	6	1	0	9	7
Florida ¹	0	0	4	7	0	0	1	8

See footnotes at end of table.

Cases of certain communicable diseases reported by telegraph by State health officers for weeks ended Apr. 28, 1934, and Apr. 29, 1933—Continued

Division and State	Polio-myelitis		Scarlet fever		Smallpox		Typhoid fever	
	Week ended Apr. 28, 1934	Week ended Apr. 29, 1933	Week ended Apr. 28, 1934	Week ended Apr. 29, 1933	Week ended Apr. 28, 1934	Week ended Apr. 29, 1933	Week ended Apr. 28, 1934	Week ended Apr. 29, 1933
East South Central States:								
Kentucky.....	1	1	46	55	0	1	8	12
Tennessee.....	0	0	11	45	1	1	13	3
Alabama ¹	0	0	3	13	2	2	7	3
Mississippi ¹	1	0	2	4	0	0	7	3
West South Central States:								
Arkansas.....	0	0	9	3	2	4	0	1
Louisiana.....	0	1	15	7	6	0	18	15
Oklahoma ¹	0	0	9	9	6	8	8	8
Texas ¹	0	1	82	41	46	67	16	9
Mountain States:								
Montana ¹	0	0	18	14	0	0	2	2
Idaho.....	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0
Wyoming ¹	0	0	9	18	0	0	0	0
Colorado.....	0	0	16	24	1	1	1	0
New Mexico.....	0	0	12	11	0	0	3	3
Arizona.....	1	0	23	12	0	0	0	0
Utah.....	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0
Pacific States:								
Washington.....	1	0	33	36	15	25	5	1
Oregon ¹	0	1	27	19	13	6	0	2
California.....	11	0	212	128	2	32	7	3
Total.....	20	16	5,970	5,945	184	202	219	150

¹ New York City only.

² Week ended earlier than Saturday.

³ Typhus fever, week ended Apr. 28, 1934, 6 cases, as follows: Georgia, 2; Florida, 1; Alabama, 1; Texas, 2.

⁴ Exclusive of Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

⁵ Rocky Mountain spotted fever, week ended Apr. 28, 1934, 20 cases, as follows: Montana, 7; Wyoming, 8; Oregon, 5.

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS FROM STATES

The following summary of cases reported monthly by States is published weekly and covers only those States from which reports are received during the current week.

State	Menin-gococ-cus menin-gitis	Diph-theria	Infl-u-enza	Ma-laria	Mea-sles	Pol-lag-ra	Polio-my-e-litis	Scarlet fever	Small-pox	Ty-phoid fever
January 1934										
Tennessee.....	10	89	483	50	1,981	5	3	274	1	33
February 1934										
New Hampshire.....			3				0	90	1	0
March 1934										
Alabama.....	4	104	596	61	3,867	31	2	47	5	8
California.....	9	163	168	3	5,610	5	15	901	25	32
Florida.....		21	18		1,233	5	1	12	0	14
Georgia.....	3	63	902	91	8,885	27	1	40		34
Idaho.....	2	17	2		811		3	16	45	
Indiana.....	8	83	202		3,803		1	1,599	7	14
Kansas.....	4	40	31		1,317		1	408	10	5
Mississippi.....	1	26	4,203	2,349	13,596	299	0	60	7	22
Nevada.....			6		290		0	7	0	0
New Hampshire.....		1						54		0
North Carolina.....	3	85	283		13,540	27	2	168	1	8
Oklahoma ¹	0	65	446	31	3,221			105	15	19
Puerto Rico.....		44	61	2,327	86		2		0	29
South Carolina.....		161	3,754	447	3,140	150	0	39	10	18
Texas.....	19	524	3,074	905		32	2	587		62
Washington.....	4	15	85	1	804		6	272	35	12
Wisconsin.....	14	32	297		7,114		3	1,356	160	

¹ Exclusive of Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

January 1934		March, 1934—Continued		March, 1934—Continued	
Tennessee:		Hookworm disease:		Septic sore throat:	
Chicken pox.....	252	Georgia.....	240	California.....	21
Dysentery.....	6	Mississippi.....	204	Georgia.....	125
German measles.....	16	South Carolina.....	80	Kansas.....	2
Impetigo contagiosa.....	5	Impetigo contagiosa:		Nevada.....	3
Lethargic encephalitis.....	5	Kansas.....	4	North Carolina.....	8
Mumps.....	146	Washington.....	2	Oklahoma ¹	16
Ophthalmia neonatorum.....	4	Leprosy:		Washington.....	1
Puerperal septicemia.....	3	California.....	1	Tetanus:	
Scabies.....	1	Puerto Rico.....	2	Alabama.....	5
Septic sore throat.....	7	Lethargic encephalitis:		California.....	4
Tetanus.....	2	Alabama.....	4	Kansas.....	1
Trachoma.....	17	California.....	4	Oklahoma ¹	1
Vincent's infection.....	2	Kansas.....	10	Puerto Rico.....	13
Whooping cough.....	135	Oklahoma ¹	1	South Carolina.....	1
		South Carolina.....	8	Washington.....	1
		Texas.....	4	Tetanus, infantile:	
		Washington.....	3	Puerto Rico.....	11
		Wisconsin.....	2	Trachoma:	
		Mumps:		California.....	12
Actinomycosis:		Alabama.....	199	Mississippi.....	9
California.....	1	California.....	2,499	Oklahoma ¹	3
Anthrax:		Florida.....	80	Puerto Rico.....	57
Puerto Rico.....	1	Georgia.....	252	Washington.....	1
Chicken pox:		Idaho.....	21	Wisconsin.....	4
Alabama.....	274	Indiana.....	79		
California.....	2,726	Kansas.....	830	Trichinosis:	
Florida.....	274	Mississippi.....	756	California.....	2
Georgia.....	379	Nevada.....	1	Tularaemia:	
Idaho.....	8	Oklahoma ¹	79	Alabama.....	4
Indiana.....	375	Puerto Rico.....	43	California.....	1
Kansas.....	583	South Carolina.....	328	Georgia.....	11
Mississippi.....	775	Washington.....	711	Indiana.....	1
Nevada.....	48	Wisconsin.....	201	North Carolina.....	2
North Carolina.....	783	Ophthalmia neonatorum:		South Carolina.....	6
Oklahoma ¹	112	Alabama.....	2		
Puerto Rico.....	207	Puerto Rico.....	4	Typhus fever:	
South Carolina.....	205	South Carolina.....	13	Alabama.....	19
Washington.....	498	Wisconsin.....	4	California.....	1
Wisconsin.....	2,245	Paratyphoid fever:		Georgia.....	20
Diarrhea:		California.....	1	North Carolina.....	1
South Carolina.....	381	Georgia.....	1	Undulant fever:	
Dysentery:		Idaho.....	1	Alabama.....	2
Alabama (amoebic).....	2	Kansas.....	1	California.....	7
California (amoebic).....	36	North Carolina.....	2	Georgia.....	7
California (bacillary).....	10	Puerto Rico.....	1	Kansas.....	7
Florida.....	1	South Carolina.....	3	North Carolina.....	1
Georgia (amoebic).....	10	Texas.....	2	Oklahoma ¹	1
Georgia (bacillary).....	3	Psittacosis:		South Carolina.....	3
Indiana (amoebic).....	1	California.....	1	Washington.....	1
Kansas (amoebic).....	7	Puerperal septicemia:		Wisconsin.....	6
Mississippi (amoebic).....	76	Mississippi.....	11	Vincent's infection:	
Oklahoma ¹	4	Puerto Rico.....	4	Kansas.....	8
Puerto Rico.....	63	Washington.....	1	Oklahoma ¹	1
Washington (amoebic).....	7	Rabies in animals:		Whooping cough:	
Filariasis:		Alabama.....	107	Alabama.....	339
Puerto Rico.....	6	California.....	83	California.....	1,541
Food poisoning:		Indiana.....	34	Florida.....	68
California.....	61	Mississippi.....	4	Georgia.....	344
German measles:		South Carolina.....	38	Idaho.....	11
Alabama.....	550	Washington.....	10	Indiana.....	299
California.....	822	Rabies in man:		Kansas.....	787
Kansas.....	359	Georgia.....	1	Mississippi.....	2,099
North Carolina.....	17	Rocky mountain spotted fever:		Nevada.....	11
Washington.....	31	Idaho.....	1	North Carolina.....	1,366
Wisconsin.....	988	Scabies:		Oklahoma ¹	111
Granuloma, coccidioid:		Oklahoma ¹	8	Puerto Rico.....	333
California.....	7			South Carolina.....	784
				Washington.....	900
				Wisconsin.....	2,004

¹ Exclusive of Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

WEEKLY REPORTS FROM CITIES

City reports for week ended Apr. 21, 1934

[This table summarizes the reports received regularly from a selected list of 121 cities for the purpose of showing a cross-section of the current urban incidence of the communicable diseases listed in the table. Weekly reports are received from about 700 cities, from which the data are tabulated and filed for reference.]

State and city	Diphtheria cases	Influenza		Measles cases	Pneumonia deaths	Scarlet fever cases	Small-pox cases	Tuberculosis deaths	Typhoid fever cases	Whooping cough cases	Deaths, all causes
		Cases	Deaths								
Maine:											
Portland	1		0	0	6	2	0	0	0	14	28
New Hampshire:											
Concord											
Nashua	0			5		5	0		0	0	
Vermont:											
Barre											
Burlington	0		0	1	0	3	0	0	0	23	10
Massachusetts:											
Boston	4		0	294	35	59	0	14	1	53	228
Fall River	0		1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	33
Springfield	0		0	6	3	6	0	1	0	25	34
Worcester	0		0	8	12	7	0	2	0	15	62
Rhode Island:											
Pawtucket	0		0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	16
Providence	0		0	2	0	18	0	1	0	21	53
Connecticut:											
Bridgeport	0		0	3	2	10	0	1	0	0	26
Hartford	1		0	0	4	14	0	0	1	3	31
New Haven	0		0	0	2	1	0	0	0	7	54
New York:											
Buffalo	0		0	83	19	12	0	7	2	26	155
New York	54	10	9	123	203	378	0	93	4	138	1,699
Rochester	1	1	0	0	4	71	0	0	0	4	73
Syracuse	0		0	41	4	8	0	0	1	53	50
New Jersey:											
Camden	2		0	52	5	8	0	2	1	0	36
Newark	0	7	0	20	7	24	0	6	0	44	92
Trenton	0	3	0	61	2	17	0	2	0	2	33
Pennsylvania:											
Philadelphia	8	8	5	725	61	116	0	32	2	62	535
Pittsburgh	13	3	1	207	24	40	0	3	2	39	144
Reading	0		0	1	1	8	0	0	0	2	25
Scranton	0			11		9	0		0	4	
Ohio:											
Cincinnati	1		0	17	8	26	0	12	0	6	138
Cleveland	7	24	2	126	24	138	0	10	1	123	214
Columbus	2	2	2	3	7	58	0	3	0	28	70
Toledo	1	1	1	52	8	51	0	10	0	93	91
Indiana:											
Fort Wayne	1		0	28	0	14	0	0	3	0	20
Indianapolis	2		1	326	14	24	0	4	0	61	
South Bend	0		0	10	0	1	0	1	0	0	23
Terre Haute	1		0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	23
Illinois:											
Chicago	8	4	6	438	73	296	0	41	1	208	711
Oleto											5
Springfield	2		0	75	3	2	0	1	0	26	21
Michigan:											
Detroit	7	2	1	123	22	152	0	18	0	159	255
Flint	0		0	16	9	122	0	3	0	6	35
Grand Rapids	0		1	3	1	35	0	0	0	1	34
Wisconsin:											
Kenosha	0		0	1	1	13	0	0	0	2	5
Madison	0		0	21	2	3	0	0	0	11	19
Milwaukee	1		0	0	4	138	0	2	0	160	96
Racine	0		0	2	0	4	3	1	0	13	20
Superior	0		0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	11
Minnesota:											
Duluth	0		0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	15
Minneapolis	1		1	13	12	22	0	8	1	25	104
St. Paul	0		0	6	8	10	0	0	0	22	63
Iowa:											
Des Moines	1			0		22	0		0	0	29
Sioux City	0			1		2	0		0	3	
Waterloo	0					2	0		0	7	

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		Cases	Deaths								
Missouri:											
Kansas City.....	4		0	7	15	14	0	4	0	13	90
St. Joseph.....	2		0	19	6	0	0	1	0	0	40
St. Louis.....	15		0	31	12	33	0	14	2	74	304
North Dakota:											
Fargo.....	0		0	24	0	1	0	0	0	3	5
Grand Forks.....	0			1		2	0		0	0	
South Dakota:											
Aberdeen.....	0			8		0	0		0	13	
Sioux Falls.....	0			7		0	0		0	0	6
Nebraska:											
Omaha.....	1		0	137	7	11	2	2	0	14	63
Kansas:											
Topeka.....	0		0	4	1	2	0	1	0	33	36
Wichita.....	0		0	43	2	3	0	0	0	44	24
Delaware:											
Wilmington.....	0		0	35	2	2	0	1	0	5	33
Maryland:											
Baltimore.....	7	2	0	1,395	29	36	0	15	0	118	230
Cumberland.....	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Frederick.....											
District of Columbia:											
Washington.....	7	2	1	226	20	14	0	11	1	28	173
Virginia:											
Lynchburg.....	2		0	4	0	0	0	0	1	6	10
Norfolk.....	1		0	81	4	1	0	1	0	2	41
Richmond.....	1		0	230	4	7	0	10	3	0	52
Roanoke.....	0		1	1	0	0	0	1	0	7	14
West Virginia:											
Charleston.....	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	11
Huntington.....	2			0		13	0		0	0	
Wheeling.....	0		0	4	3	17	0	3	0	2	20
North Carolina:											
Raleigh.....	0		0	20	2	0	0	2	0	21	15
Wilmington.....	0		0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	13
Winston-Salem.....	0		0	6	2	2	0	3	0	1	21
South Carolina:											
Charleston.....	0	23	0	30	2	1	0	2	0	0	23
Columbia.....	0		1	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	27
Greenville.....	0		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Georgia:											
Atlanta.....	1	7	2	63	13	7	0	4	0	2	96
Brunswick.....	0		0	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Savannah.....	0	42	0	73	4	1	0	2	2	2	31
Florida:											
Miami.....	1	1	0	307	1	0	0	1	1	3	32
Tampa.....	2	1	0	240	2	0	0	0	0	0	22
Kentucky:											
Ashland.....	0			98		0	0		0	0	
Lexington.....	0		0	10	2	3	0	1	0	5	15
Louisville.....	7	1	0	25	13	39	0	2	0	71	80
Tennessee:											
Memphis.....	1		2	105	15	3	0	7	1	12	87
Nashville.....	0		1	8	2	2	0	2	0	21	54
Alabama:											
Birmingham.....	1		1	53	5	5	0	4	2	2	68
Mobile.....	0		0	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	26
Montgomery.....	1			64		0	0		0	1	
Arkansas:											
Fort Smith.....	0			0		0	0		0	0	
Little Rock.....	0		0	13	6	1	0	3	0	0	10
Louisiana:											
New Orleans.....	16	3	1	23	9	15	6	8	15	3	155
Shreveport.....	1		0		6	1	0	1	0	7	30
Oklahoma:											
Oklahoma City.....	0	10	1	0	8	4	1	0	0	0	45
Texas:											
Dallas.....	9	2	2	1	6	4	1	1	0	12	63
Fort Worth.....	1		1	1	1	9	0	5	1	6	30
Galveston.....	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10
Houston.....	3		1	3	11	1	3	8	0	0	72
San Antonio.....	1		3	11	9	4	0	7	0	4	68

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		Cases	Deaths								
Montana:											
Billings.....	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	11
Great Falls.....	0		0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Helena.....	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Missoula.....	0		0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Idaho:											
Boise.....	0		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	8
Colorado:											
Denver.....	3	57	1	213	8	18	0	6	0	95	73
Pueblo.....	0		0	20	0	2	0	0	0	22	11
New Mexico:											
Albuquerque.....	1		0	37	0		0	1	0	6	0
Utah:											
Salt Lake City.....	0		1	87	4	8	2	2	0	67	38
Nevada:											
Reno.....	0		0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Washington:											
Seattle.....	0		2	4	4	14	3	3	0	86	87
Spokane.....	0		0	17	3	2	0	0	0	39	32
Tacoma.....	0		0	80	3	0	0	3	0	22	30
Oregon:											
Portland.....	0		1	13	3	17	0	2	0	25	70
Salem.....	0		0			1			0	1	
California:											
Los Angeles.....	20	27	2	40	14	48	0	23	2	73	246
Sacramento.....	0		0	14	1	0	0	3	1	4	22
San Francisco.....	2		0	173	3	15	0	10	0	4	135

State and city	Meningococcus meningitis		Polio- mye- litis cases	State and city	Meningococcus meningitis		Polio- mye- litis cases
	Cases	Deaths			Cases	Deaths	
New York:				West Virginia:			
New York.....	1	0	0	Wheeling.....	1	1	0
Pennsylvania:				Georgia:			
Philadelphia.....	1	1	0	Atlanta.....	1	1	0
Pittsburgh.....	1	0	0	Arkansas:			
Illinois:				Fort Smith.....	2	0	0
Chicago.....	11	5	1	Colorado:			
Iowa:				Denver.....	5	0	0
Des Moines.....	1	0	0	Washington:			
Missouri:				Seattle.....	1	0	0
Kansas City.....	1	1	0	California:			
Nebraska:				Los Angeles.....	0	0	2
Omaha.....	0	1	0				
District of Columbia:							
Washington.....	2	0	0				

Lethargic encephalitis.—Cases: Springfield, Mass., 1; New York, 1; Philadelphia, 1; Detroit, 1; St. Paul, 1; Memphis, 1; New Orleans, 1.

Pellagra.—Cases: Charleston, S. C., 3; Savannah, 1; Miami, 2; New Orleans, 1; Dallas, 3.

Typhus fever.—Savannah, Ga., 1 case.

FOREIGN AND INSULAR

CANADA

Quebec Province—Communicable diseases—2 weeks ended April 21, 1934.—The Bureau of Health of the Province of Quebec, Canada, reports cases of certain communicable diseases for the 2 weeks ended April 21, 1934, as follows:

Disease	Cases	Disease	Cases
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	1	Measles.....	208
Chicken pox.....	186	Poliomyelitis.....	1
Diphtheria.....	27	Puerperal septicemia.....	4
Dysentery.....	4	Scarlet fever.....	131
Erysipelas.....	11	Tuberculosis.....	184
German measles.....	13	Typhoid fever.....	60
Influenza.....	8	Whooping cough.....	243
Lethargic encephalitis.....	2		

CUBA

Habana—Communicable diseases—4 weeks ended April 21, 1934.—During the 4 weeks ended April 21, 1934, certain communicable diseases were reported in Habana, Cuba, as follows:

Disease	Cases	Deaths	Disease	Cases	Deaths
Diphtheria.....	3	1	Scarlet fever.....	1	
Malaria.....	15	2	Tuberculosis.....	57	8
Measles.....	1		Typhoid fever.....	26	8

ITALY

Communicable diseases—4 weeks ended November 12, 1933.—During the 4 weeks ended November 12, 1933, cases of certain communicable diseases were reported in Italy, as follows:

Disease	Oct. 16-22		Oct. 23-29		Oct. 30-Nov. 5		Nov. 6-12	
	Cases	Com-munes affected	Cases	Com-munes affected	Cases	Com-munes affected	Cases	Com-munes affected
Anthrax.....	20	19	23	18	24	23	21	19
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	5	5	3	3	5	5	1	1
Chicken pox.....	102	61	100	47	96	53	176	60
Diphtheria and croup.....	779	387	839	397	764	367	782	381
Dysentery.....	28	15	20	12	14	8	10	8
Lethargic encephalitis.....	3	2	1	1	2	2		
Measles.....	768	148	995	143	973	160	1,528	214
Poliomyelitis.....	22	15	12	12	11	11	9	9
Scarlet fever.....	364	190	526	193	441	195	505	204
Typhoid fever.....	719	307	914	425	664	350	790	409

JAMAICA

Communicable diseases—4 weeks ended April 21, 1934.—During the 4 weeks ended April 21, 1934, cases of certain communicable diseases were reported in Kingston, Jamaica, and in the island outside of Kingston, as follows: .

Disease	Kingston	Other localities	Disease	Kingston	Other localities
Chicken pox.....	2	27	Puerperal fever.....		3
Dysentery.....	9	23	Tuberculosis.....	23	99
Erysipelas.....	1		Typhoid fever.....	32	67
Leprosy.....		2			

YUGOSLAVIA

Communicable diseases—March 1934.—During the month of March 1934 certain communicable diseases were reported in Yugoslavia, as follows:

Disease	Cases	Deaths	Disease	Cases	Deaths
Anthrax.....	28	1	Poliomyelitis.....	6	
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	18	4	Scarlet fever.....	245	6
Diphtheria and croup.....	639	61	Sepsis.....	14	3
Dysentery.....	11		Tetanus.....	19	13
Erysipelas.....	190	8	Typhoid fever.....	100	13
Measles.....	1,199	87	Typhus fever.....	361	29
Paratyphoid fever.....	4				

CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, TYPHUS FEVER, AND YELLOW FEVER

(NOTE.—A table giving current information of the world prevalence of quarantinable diseases appeared in the PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS for Apr. 27, 1934, pp. 541-554. A similar cumulative table will appear in the PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS to be issued May 25, 1934, and thereafter, at least for the time being, in the issue published on the last Friday of each month.)

Cholera

Philippine Islands.—No cholera was reported in the Philippine Islands during the week ended April 28, 1934.

Plague

Belgian Congo—Stanleyville Province.—During the week ended April 21, 1934, 1 case of plague with 1 death was reported in Stanleyville Province, Belgian Congo.